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SUBJECT: THIRD MEETING (1977) OF CENTO COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES,  
AUGUST 1, 1977

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1. THIRD MEETING (1977) OF COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES TOOK PLACE AT  
CENTO HEADQUARTERS ON AUGUST 1, 1977. THIS MEETING MARKED  
FORMAL END OF BAYULKEN'S TOUR AS SECRETARY-GENERAL (ANKARA  
5216 AND RELATED REPORTS); ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL IS SIRDAR  
HASAN MAHMUD (PAKISTAN), DEPUTY SECRETARY (POLITICAL AND  
ADMINISTRATION).

2. AT BRIEF INFORMAL GATHERING OF DEPUTIES PRIOR TO MAIN  
MEETING BAYULKEN DESCRIBED STEPS HE HAS TAKEN TO ELICIT  
CANDIDACY FOR SECRETARY-GENERAL POST FROM THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES. HE  
SAID IRANIANS DECLINED AND DEFERRED TO TURKEY BECAUSE BAYULKEN HAD  
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NOT  
COMPLETED FULL THREE-YEAR TERM, HAVING ASSUMED OFFICE IN FEBRUARY  
1975. PAKISTANIS DECLINED, ACCORDING TO BAYULKEN, BECAUSE  
GENERAL ZIA WAS RELUCTANT TO BREAK WITH RECENT TRADITION OF NOT  
PROVIDING SECRETARY-GENERAL DURING INTERREGNUM BEFORE OCTOBER  
ELECTIONS AND NEW GOVERNMENT IS CONSTITUTED. (FYI, PAKISTANI LAST  
WAS SECRETARY-GENERAL IN 1959-62.) BAYULKEN SAID IT IS NOW UP TO

TURKEY TO PROVIDE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THAT HE WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY SUCCESSOR SOON.

3. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT AUGUST 1 COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEETING:

A. BAYULKEN FORMALLY WELCOMED NEW US AND UK DEPUTIES (LATTER IS BRITISH AMBASSADOR SIR DEREK DODSON).

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (CD/77/A3, REV 2): APPROVED.

C. APPROVAL OF RECORD (CD/77/R2): APPROVED.

D. APPROVAL OF NOMINATION OF CHIEF OF STAFF, COMBINED MILITARY PLANNING STAFF (CD/77/D14): COUNCIL APPROVED NOMINATION OF MAJOR GENERAL JAMES A YOUNG, USAF, SUCCEEDING MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL D HEALY (ANKARA 5714).

E. FOLLOW-UP TO 24TH MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TEHRAN, IRAN, MAY 1977: DURING BRIEF PRESENTATION, BAYULKEN RECALLED THE THREE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT TEHRAN MINISTERIAL: POLITICAL GUIDANCE FOR MILITARY PLANNING; AND INCREASES TO MULTILATERAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND MULTILATERAL SCIENTIFIC FUNDS. HE WELCOMED INCREASES IN FUNDS AND SAID THAT "SOME FURTHER PROGRESS" WAS MADE ON POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER IN POLITICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING  
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JULY 8. ALSO ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS, BAYULKEN SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED THAT HIS "TALKING PAPER ON THE STATE OF THE ALLIANCE AND SOME THOUGHTS TO STRENGTHEN ITS EFFECTIVENESS", WHICH HE CIRCULATED AT THE TIME OF THE TEHRAN MINISTERIAL, WAS RECEIVED CONSTRUCTIVELY AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO ADVERSE REACTION EXPRESSED BY CENTO NATIONS THUS FAR. (NOTE: ONE COPY OF "TALKING PAPER", CLASSIFIED CENTO TOP SECRET, WAS TRANSFERRED TO NEA/RA OFFICER IN TEHRAN). ON OTHER SUBJECTS, BAYULKEN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (BAC) WILL APPROVE BUDGET INCREASES FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION WITH OBJECTIVE OF ENHANCING CENTO'S IMAGE, PARTICULARLY IN REGIONAL COUNTRIES. ON 25TH MINISTERIAL, BAYULKEN CONFIRMED THAT THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO DATES OF APRIL 18-20, 1978 FOR MEETING TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON.

F. FAREWELL STATEMENT: BAYULKEN SAID THAT, WHEN HE ASSUMED OFFICE AS SECRETARY-GENERAL IN FEBRUARY 1975, HE HAD TWO MAJOR OBJECTIVES IN STRENGTHENING THE ALLIANCE: (A) THE PRINCIPLES OF MILITARY PLANNING SHOULD BE CLARIFIED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE REGION, AND (B) REVITALIZATION OF CENTO'S PUBLIC IMAGE. HE SAID

THAT, AT LAST, PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER AND HE URGED THAT FULL SUPPORT BE GIVEN TO THE POLITICAL WORKING GROUP (PWG) IN ACHIEVING CONSENSUS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN ITS SEARCH FOR AGREEMENT, BAYULKEN SUGGESTED THAT PWG BASE WORDING OF THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER ON THE SITUATION PAPER THAT WAS APPROVED IN 1974 AND ON POINTS CONTAINED IN HIS "TALKING PAPER" ON STRENGTHENING THE ALLIANCE. BAYULKEN ALSO OBSERVED THAT CENTO'S MILITARY ACTIVITIES ARE NOT A THREAT TO ANY NATION BUT ARE EXTREMELY VALUABLE IN THAT THEY CREATE A "SPIRIT OF COOPERATION" AMONG CENTO NATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE REAFFIRMED THE ROLE OF CENTO AS AN ELEMENT OF DETERRENCE WHICH IN TURN MAKES DETENTE POSSIBLE. FINALLY, BAYULKEN NOTED THAT CENTO IS AN "ECONOMICAL" ORGANIZATION: ITS REGULAR BUDGET IS NOT LARGE  
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AND CENTO NATIONS SUPPORT ALLIANCE MILITARY ACTIVITIES TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE ABLE.  
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